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1. SUMMARY : 80 PERSONS WERE QUESTIONED IN AJACCIO FOLLOWING THE BOMBING OF THE AF BOEING. OF THOSE, 19 WERE TRANSFERRED TO MARSEILLE BY MILITARY PLANE FOR IMPRISONMENT AND FURTHER QUESTIONING, INCLUDING MR. DOMINIQUE ALFONSI, 40 YEARS OLD, PRESIDENT OF THE P.P.C.A. (PARTI DU PEUPLE CORSE POUR L AUTONOMIE), MR) TOUSSAINT ARMANI, 43 YEARS OLD, VICE PRESIDENT OF STRADA CORSA, ANGE-MARIE RENUCCI AND COMINIQUE CAPRETTI, BOTH MILITANTS OF THE ASSOCIATION DES PATRIOTES CORSE (A.P.C.).

2. LESS THAN 24 HOURS AFTER THEIR ARREST, 13 DEMONSTRATORS WERE JUDGED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON IN THE PALACE OF JUSTICE OF AJACCIO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXPEDITIVE PROCEDURE OF FLAGRANT DELIT . FRIENDS OF THE ARRESTED AWAITED THE VERDICT IN FRONT OF THE COURT HOUSE. THOSE ARRESTED WERE, FOR THE MOST

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PART, THOSE WHO HARRASSED THE POLICE THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 7.

ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE TOWN. THEY ARE ACCUSED OF INCITING VIOLENCE AND INSULTING POLICE OFFICERS AS WELL AS OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC.

3. UNDER CIVIL AVIATION LEGISLATION, THE DETENEES FACE TWO MAIN CHARGES:

- OBSTRUCTING AIR TRAFFIC (FOR THE TRUCK DRIVERS WHO BLOCKED THE AF BOEING AND THE MERCURE)

- DESTRUCTION OF AN AIRPLANE (FOR THE MASKED COMMANDOS WHO DYNAMITED THE BOEING).

4. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOMBING HAS BEEN CLAIMED BY THE F.N.L.C. (FRONT NATIONAL DE LIBERATION CORSE), CLANDESTINE INDEPENDENT NATIONALIST ORGANIZATION, BUT ITS ACTUAL AUTHORS HAVE NOT YET BEEN IDENTIFIED.

5. DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE, JEAN RIOLACCI, PREFECT OF THE REGION CORSE, GAVE HIS VERSION OF THE FACTS, THUS REPLYING TO THE C.A.R. (COMITE ANTI-REPRESSION) WHO HOLD HIM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EVENTS. QUOTE AN AUTHORIZED DEMONSTRATION WITH A SOCIO-PROFESSIONAL THEME WAS TRANSFORMED INTO A PROTESTATION AGAINST A DECISION OF JUSTICE. THIS MARCH WAS NOT FORBIDDEN. AT THE SAME TIME, A CONGREGATION OF TRAILER-TRUCKS, ORGANIZED BY THE TRANSPORTERS UNION, WAS HELD ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE TOWN. THIS WAS TO BE FOLLOWED BY A MARCH ON THE CITY CENTER. THE MARCH ITSELF WAS NOT FORBIDDEN. HOWEVER, THE PROCESSION OF TRUCKS INTO THE CENTER WAS. UNQUOTE. MR. RIOLACCI, REFERRING TO THE INVASION OF THE AIRPORT, BLOCKING THE DEPARTURE OF THE TWO AIRPLANES AND SABOTAGING THE AF BOEING, DENOUNCED THE ODIOS CHARACTER OF THIS OPERATION. HE CONTINUED THAT THE LIMITS OF IRRESPONSIBILITY AND BASENESS HAD BEEN OVERSTEPPED. HE NEVERTHELESS REQUESTED THAT FRIENDS OF THIS ISLAND DO NOT JUDGE IT BY THIS SCANDALOUS ACTION. MR. RIOLACCI CONTINUED:

IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT ALL DEMONSTRATIONS ORGANIZED BY MOVEMENTS, MORE OR LESS IRRESPONSIBLE, EVEN WITH PROFESSIONAL MOTIVES, NOW DEGENERATE, UNDER PRESSURE FROM IRRITATED MINORITIES, INTO CONFRONTATIONS. THE LAW OF THE STATE WILL BE APPLIED WITHOUT PASSION AND WITHOUT WEAKNESS.

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6. ME. NICOLAS ALFONSI, DEPUTY OF AJACCIO, ME. JEAN ZUCCARELLI, DEPUTY-MAYOR OF BASTIA, MR. FRANCOIS GIACOBBI, PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND SENATOR FROM CORSICA, FIRMLY CENSURED THE BOMBING. THE C.A.R. TODAY ORGANIZED A MEETING TO REPLY TO THE MEASURES TAKEN AND TO PLAN THE DEFENSE OF THE ARRESTED.

7. THE STREETS OF AJACCIO HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL AND THE
HELMETED POLICEMEN IN COMBAT UNIFORMS WHO SURROUNDED THE TOWN
HAVE DISAPPEARED. IT IS LEFT TO BE DETERMINED HOW THE
DEMONSTRATION, ORGANIZED TO PROTEST AGAINST THE CONDEMNATION
OF JACQUES FIESCHI, DEGENERATED.

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